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|                      | Michael T. Carley, et al                     | )          |
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| For:                 | METHODS FOR MANUFACTURING A CLIP<br>AND CLIP | )          |
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**AMENDMENT "A" AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of October 31, 2007 (paper no. 20071025), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper and address the objections to the drawings.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.